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Reply to Final Office Action of 09/09/05

Via Facsimile

Remarks

This amendment is in response to the September 9th, 2005 Office Action. The Examiner is also thanked for the phone conversation on September 29th, 2005. Applicant respectfully traverses Examiner's rejections of claims 1-20 in light of the above amendments and the following remarks:

Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in Figures 3-5.

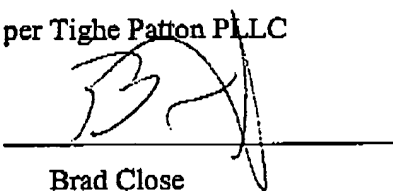
Rejection of claims 1-6, 9-12, 14-16 19 and 20 under § 102(b)

Ward '314 was used to reject these claims. Applicant has amended the above claims to particularly and unambiguously clarify that "formed frame" claimed is in fact a substantial part of the wedge that is inserted into a space in question. Ward '314 has outer frames (Fig. 4, #28, 30) that *define* the space that other items (wedges, felt, blocks, etc) are inserted into.

In view of the above amendments, remarks and appended affidavit, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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